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Title: Method For Controlling Access To A Network By A Wireless Client

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED OFFICE ACTION AND RESET PERIOD FOR RESPONSEREQUEST MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP 5710.06

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 5710.06, the Applicant respectfully requests that a corrected Final Office Action be issued and that the period for response to such Final Office Action be reset.

More particularly, Page 2 of the Final Office Action of May 31, 2005, includes a section of text entitled "Response to Argument," to counter the arguments submitted in the Applicant's Request For Reconsideration of February 22, 2005. However, the text of Page 2 ends with, "In this case," but the argument is not completed on Page 3. Thus, the counter-argument begun in that paragraph has not been completed. Accordingly, the Applicant is unable to

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fully respond to the Office Action. Copies of the aforementioned Pages 2 and 3 of the Final Office Action are attached, as a courtesy.

Since this defect in the Final Office Action of May 31, 2005, has been brought to the attention of the Office within one month of the mail date of the Action, it is requested that the Office restart the previously set period for reply to the date that the defect is corrected. The grounds for this request are established in MPEP §710.06.

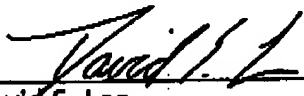
Favorable consideration of this request and forthright issuance of a corrected Office Action are earnestly solicited.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in reply to an amendment filed on February 22, 2005. Claims 1-33 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed February 22, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Nordman (US 6,061,346) fails to teach sending assigned network address to the wireless client prior to establishing a secure link and further fails to teach sending address of a wireless access point to the wireless client. Applicant further argues that neither Norman nor Inoue provide sufficient motivation for the combination thereof proposed in the rejection. Examiner respectfully disagrees.

3. Examiner would point out that Nordman teaches assigning a network address to the wireless client [column 4, lines 9-22], further including sending the network address prior to establishing a secure link (i.e. wireless client is authenticated and allocated address, however secure link (IP tunneling) is used after address has been allocated [column 3, lines 35-53 and column 7, line 53 – column 8, line 5]. Examiner would also point out that Nordman teaches that the address of the wireless access point is stored in the wireless client [column 6, lines 4-23].

Furthermore, in response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case,

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained, though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nordman US Patent 6,061,346 in view of Inoue et al. US Patent 6,510,153 (hereinafter Inoue).

6. As per claims 1, 6, 9 and 17 Nordman teaches a method for controlling access to a network by a wireless client, the method comprising:
- assigning a network address to the wireless client, wherein the network address has a lease period [column 4, lines 13-22];
 - sending the assigned network address to the wireless client prior to establishing a secure link [column 7, line 53 – column 8, line 5];
 - sending an address of a wireless access point to the wireless client, wherein the wireless access point is adapted to provide access to the network for the wireless client [column 8, lines 12-23 and lines 57-67]. Furthermore, Nordman teaches an assigning IP address to wireless clients for a selected period [column 4, lines 13-22].

Nordman does not explicitly teach if the wireless client fails to establish the secure link with the wireless access point and request a renewal of the assigned address via the secure link within the lease period, invalidating the assigned network address, thereby preventing the

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